

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached eight replacement sheets of drawings correct minor informalities and generally conform to USPTO drawing guidelines for Fig(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. In addition, the Notice of Allowability required that Applicant submit replacement sheets for Figs. 5, 6, and 7 to conform to the PTO drawing requirements.

Sheet one, which includes Fig. 1, replaces the original sheet one including Fig. 1.

Sheet two, which includes Fig. 2, replaces the original sheet two including Fig. 2.

Sheet three, which includes Fig. 3, replaces the original sheet three including Fig. 3.

Sheet four, which includes Fig 4., replaces the original sheet four including Fig. 4.

Sheet five, which includes Fig. 5, replaces the original sheet five including Fig. 5.

Sheet six, which includes Fig. 6, replaces the original sheet six including Fig. 6.

Sheet seven, which includes Fig. 7A, replaces part of the original sheet seven including Fig. 7.

Sheet eight, which includes Figs. 7B, is new and replaces part of the original sheet 7 including Fig. 7.

Attachment: Eight Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 4 and 6 to 11 are pending in the application and stand allowed. The Notice of Allowability required that Fig. 5 be replaced to provide legible characters, and that Figs. 6 and 7 be split to provide room for legible characters.

The replacement sheet for Fig. 5 corrects the issues with Fig. 5 as filed. With respect to Fig. 6, the draftsman was able to fit the drawing on a single sheet and comply with the size requirements for lettering and so a single replacement sheet for Fig. 6 is provided that is in conformance with the PTO drawing requirements. Original Fig. 7 was split into Figs. 7A and 7B and replacement sheets provided. Since the changes to the drawings were directed only at complying with PTO requirements and improving readability, the changes do not require any substantive work on the part of the Examiner and so entry of the replacement sheets is respectfully requested.

In view of the splitting of Fig. 7 into Figs. 7A and 7B, Applicant has amended the description to obtain correspondence between the drawings and the references to the drawings in the description. Also, a typographical error was corrected to obtain correspondence between the drawing and the specification. Since the changes to the description are directed at relating the reference numerals to a specific drawing, the changes do not require any substantive work on the part of the Examiner and do not introduce new matter. Entry of the amendments to the description is respectfully requested.

The amendments and replacement drawings are presented at this time, because the issues were first presented in the notice of allowability and so this is Applicant's first opportunity to respond.

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If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant(s).

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on March 17, 2006.



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